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For: SURFACE TREATING METHODS OF TITANIUM PARTS

AMENDMENT

Honorable Commissioner for Patents PO Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450 Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed April 5, 2006, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

Amendments to the Specification are set forth on page 2 of this paper.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins 3 on page of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 5 of this paper.